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1. IF, IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ABOUT NEGOTIATION
FORMULAS, ASIAN AMBASSADORS SHOULD ASK YOUR OPINION
ABOUT THE REMOVAL OF LON NOL OR OTHERS, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU
SHOULD CONTINUE TO AVOID GIVING THEM ANY SIGN THAT WE ARE
COLLUDING IN THEIR DESIRE TO HAVE LON NOL LEAVE.

2. AS FAR AS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS CONCERNED YOU
SHOULD REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE THAT OUR POSITION IN FAVOR OF
OBJECTIVE OF EARLY COMPROMISE STANDS AND WE ARE GUIDED BY
THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

A. THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT ANY NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE
PARTIES THEMSELVES ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT.

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B. THE UNITED STATES WILL ACCEPT ANY OUTCOME FROM THE
NEGOTIATIONS THAT THE PARTIES THEMSELVES WILL ACCEPT.

C. AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED, THE PER-
SONALITIES INVOLVED WILL NOT, THEMSELVES, CONSTITUTE
OBSTACLES OF ANY KIND TO A SETTLEMENT. INGERSOLL

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